

# Richmond Dispatch.

SATURDAY.....AUGUST 13, 1881.

## MANCHESTER AND VICINITY.

**Mayor's Court.**—The only case before Mayor Taylor yesterday morning was that of a citizen, resident of Seventh street, in the wheelwright line, who was charged by some of his fellow citizens with unlawfully increasing the extensively prevalent epidemic by building a fire in the street. He explained that the miniature Hayes was not of certain proceedings, rendered necessary by his attempts to reduce a compound commuted fracture of a tire on the buggy-wheel of one of the most estimable citizens of Manchester. He had no purpose, however, but to assure the Court of either making himself a target for the law's vengeance or rendering himself innocuous to a healthy public sentiment on the subject of heat, natural or artificial. His Honor said he was always disposed to see the worser artisan simplify his resources by the practice of the skill and mystery of his profession, either for the benefit of his fellow citizens or his own emolument, but he hoped the next inquiry-plate which the defendant had to do for would be put to the terror of an *auto-de-fe* within the limits of his own shop. It was so ordered. No fine was imposed.

**A Successful Fisherman.**—Mr. B. K. Murray, of Manchester, while angling yesterday afternoon near Napper's rock, off Mayo's Island, below the bridge, was so fortunate as to land (or boat) a very game black bass, weighing over four pounds. The "snakelike beauty" made all the resistance he could, but finally, like General Lee at Appomattox Courthouse, had to surrender to "overpowering numbers and resources" (of line and hook). Very soon thereafter Mr. Murray was so fortunate as to capture quite a large rockfish, and before night his string represented quite a number of nationalities amongst the funny nations.

The water in James river is clearing up rapidly, and in a few days the fishing, according to present indications, will be at that could be desired. A large number of anglers were trying their luck yesterday both in the open river and in the quiet pools of the falls. The evening tides are just now very high, and it is thought that the best time for catching fish is on its incoming and flood.

**Free Bridge.**—One of the reports about this bridge is to the effect that a few days ago a man nearly fractured one of his legs by the giving way of an inefficient plank—part of the flooring. He was extricated from his dangerous position without material damage to the imperiled limb. As stated, the oak lumber for the flooring of the bridge is now undergoing the proper seasoning, and will be put in place as soon as fit for use. The bridge will stand any ordinary amount of wear and tear till it is repaired.

**Mayo's Warehouse.**—This warehouse, the walls of which are composed mostly of the bricks of the stately old-time mansion at Bellville, on the line of Broad street, is not now so much of a tobacco repository as was hoped for when it was built. There is some tobacco stored therein owned by Captain Haw, a dealer, but the chief contents are George P. Stacy's shucks and H. M. Smith's agricultural implements. The turns and twists of trade may bring Mayo's warehouse again to its former prominence.

**Belle Isle.**—It was stated yesterday that in consequence of the removals to the successful working of the machinery by the very low state of water that the above establishment would close for the present establishment by this cause from full production for the past six weeks. Belle Isle never had more work on hand or brighter prospects than at present. To have to wait the will and pleasure of Jupiter Pluvius is rather vexatious, to say the least.

**Sunday School Excursion.**—The Sunday school of the First African Baptist Church, of which Rev. A. Bings is pastor, has concluded its arrangements for a grand excursion to West Point, to come off on Monday next. The present indications are that there will be a thousand participants in the festivities incident to the occasion. The church, the main auditorium of which is being finished for use, has lately been newly shingled. It has the largest congregation of any church in the city. The congregation will be able to worship "up-stairs" in a few weeks time—a pleasure they have not hitherto enjoyed.

**Briefs.**—A large number of citizens reported yesterday to Salem church to attend the session of the Middle District Baptist Association. The proceedings were deeply interesting.

One Manchesterian, the owner of a Kanawha canal-boat, for which he has now no use, proposes to put it on wheels, add sail and steering-gear, and sell it as a prairie schooner. The want of a prairie is what most bothers him.

Chesterton was formerly a part of Henrico county. Manchester was made a city in 1874, at which time the corporation authorities established Maury cemetery.

The limits of the city embrace about 600 acres of land. The last person living in Chesterfield county was Hilary Page, the inconsiderate.

Some of the City Fathers do not like the legend, on top of the fire-works—"Town Water Works." They say Manchester is now a city, and should herself be the first to recognize the fact. It is probable that at the next meeting of the Council new topographical features will be ordered.

The injury to Mr. Pepple's son (mentioned yesterday) from a toy pistol was very insignificant indeed. The boy stopped long enough to have his thumb tied up in a rag, and that's about all.

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A petition has been in circulation here praying the Governor to pardon and release from the State prison the young man John Bowen, sent thither for three years a few months since for stabbing Posey Drew to death at a Cory-street dance-house. His Excellency is not very sullen on pardons, and it is not thought that much will come of the present endeavor for this prisoner's release.

**The Doom of Milo.**—Correspondence of the San Francisco Bulletin.

HONOLULU, July 11.—The steamer *Likelihi*, from Hilo yesterday morning, brings tidings of a slight cessation of the lava-flow toward that town during the past week. Advancing at the present rate, it will probably take a month or two to reach Hilo; but there is now no barrier to its progress, and the sea is now made beaten, and the lava is now the scene of a black flood that belches forth great columns of smoke and flame with a roar suggestive of the last day, "when the firmament shall melt with a fervent heat." That the town is doomed is, according to all accounts, a foregone conclusion. There was a great rush to it and the volcano last week, and the passenger-list of the *Likelihi* is already full for tomorrow, when the small-pox quarantine will be raised. In fact, it was ignored last week by many who left Honolulu without having been quarantined. A great impetus has been given to business through the early and unlimited approach of inter-island traffic, which promises to crowd every vessel to her utmost carrying capacity the moment the embargo is removed. It is nearly five weeks since we had a case of small-pox outside of quarantine buildings.

**The Bankers' Convention.**—**REPORT ON CALIFORNIA BANKING**, BY MR. BENJAMIN C. WRIGHT, OF SAN FRANCISCO.

Mr. Wright's report on the banking system of California was one of the interesting features of the Convention at Niagara yesterday. He said:

California has furnished more gold and Nevada more silver than all the other states and Territories in the Union combined. Without this output of the precious metals the credit of the Government could never have been sustained, as it has been during the past twenty years of unprecedented trials. The bullion product of the Pacific coast is the superstructure that has carried the country safely through its terrible ordeal and placed the banking interest on its present safe and prosperous foundation.

California is one of the few states in which the organic law prohibits the issuance of paper money. Financial interests, both domestic and foreign, has always been carried forward on a gold coin basis. The legal tender of the Government never found a home here until it was made redeemable in coin. So opposed have we been to paper money not convertible directly into coin that a special act of Congress was necessary to the introduction of the law and public education; that in view of this condition of affairs, and abating part of our determination to deal faithfully with all the creditors of Virginia and to pay every dollar that Virginia honestly owes, we deem it inexpedient and undesirable to make separate nominations for State offices, and we declare in favor of hearty cooperation with all other citizens who support the candidates nominated by the anti-Bourbon Convention at Richmond in June.

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## MIGHT HAVE BEEN WORSE.

Not many days since a worthy farmer in Santa Clara county, whose prodigal son was paying an ominously-long visit in Frisco, received a telegram desiring him to repair his son at once and report at the office of the chief of police.

The father, trembling with ominous foreboding as to his dissipated son, presented himself at headquarters the next morning. "I regret to have sad tidings to communicate," said the chief, in the usual automatically sympathetic manner of officials. "You must prepare yourself for a shock."

"Has my son been arrested for gambling?" faltered the old gentleman.

"Worse than that, my poor man."

"Has he robbed any one?"

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"Has he committed suicide?"

The official shook his head, solemnly.

"Do not speak? I see it all!" shrieked the miserable man, as he fainted headlong upon the stone floor, "he has been elected supervisor!"

But when he had come to, and with awe-struck voices they gently told him that his offspring had only killed a man, tears of joy and relief rushed to his eye, and with head once more erect and smiling face he shook hands all round and started out to look up Highton's office.—Derrick Dodd.

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**THE WORST.**—The Buffalo Commercial Advertiser mentions what may be safely set down as the worst case of spelling of recent record. It occurred in a "note" of a "silver-shush" to be held on the shores of "Lake Erie," and spoke of the occasion as a "guble." This word troubled the editor a good deal, but with rare perspicacity he at length resolved it into "jubilee."

Lastly, that as Republicans we earnestly wish all active Republicans to join their efforts with ours for the final overthrow of Bourbon oppression, intolerance, and tyranny in the State of Virginia.

## Washington News Items.

(From the Star of yesterday evening.) General Grant has just bought for his residence in New York, at \$50,000, a large and very hand-some house on the north side of East Sixty-sixth street between Fifth and Madison avenues.

The President wrote a letter yesterday. It was to his mother, and brief. In it he spoke cheerfully of himself, and bade her to keep in good cheer, saying that he felt better and though he would recover. It was addressed and mailed by Mrs. Garfield.

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California banking is peculiar. The system, such as it is, has no parallel in other states. We have our private and our incorporated banks, both domestic and foreign. We have national, State, and foreign incorporated banks. We have no banks between the currency and gold-note systems. We have incorporated savings banks with capital stock and without capital stock, but most of them have capital stock, and in that feature they differ from most savings banks in other States. All the State incorporated banks are under the supervision of three bank commissioners, appointed by the Governor. Just after the Board commenced its labors in 1875 several banks found it necessary to go into liquidation, showing that the creation of the Board was a long-felt want. For the past two years there have been no bank failures in the State, and there has been a great improvement in the methods of conducting our business, and more care in the selection of sureties for loans. The commissioners are required by law to conduct semi-annual examinations of all the banks under their jurisdiction, but practically they do not examine much often than once during the year, and even this has become very monotone.

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**Iron Eyes.**—The father of Bright Eyes, has six wives. Did Editor Tibbles sit when he married how many mothers-in-law he was getting?—Boston Post.

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**London Truth.**—Every woman loves pink at heart, and one of the pangs of growing old is caused by finding that pink no longer suits the complexion."

Some men when they go to church never think of studying the frescoes on the ceiling until the collection-plate is being passed around.—Norristown Herald.

## About Young Widows.

—Brie-a-Brace's—White Sulphur letter to the *Montgomery Daily Democrat*:

Here the balls, it is said, are handled very dexterously by several fascinating widows, young, of course. All widows are young, or rather they are called so until it would seem that the loss of a husband is the secret of perpetual youth. The want of one, on the other hand, may be held as bond and security for premature age—for certain it is that a woman is held pass as a spinster of twenty-five, who, as widow, would be一百 at fifty.

I was once present when a widow was presented to three gentlemen, all younger than herself and very attractive. She was passed, poor, barely dressed, mother of nine children, and owner only of the mortgaged homestead on which she lived. But she was a widow; there was no denying that. As she sank upon the sofa, she dropped (it seemed to be accidentally) a white-brown paper parcel, out of which a red-spoiled splotch, a darling egg, a pair of scissors, and some fancy work. The men all divined to secure them. Each got one pocket, and continued to talk about the pocket she didn't have and the ins and outs of different sorts of pockets, for some ten or fifteen minutes, when she was called for by a friend in a corner. I do not remember that any other topic was introduced or that anything occurred which was calculated to divert the attention of her hearers from the all-absorbing topic; but this I know that when she left the room there was not a man in it but would have died for her. One and all, they were madly in love, and, for aught I know, may be so to the present day. I have told this story to the hope that some forlorn, shipwrecked sister might be benefited; but I have heard by many that they have tried it faithfully. They have gone without pocket, and said so, and dropped their bundles at opportune moments. Indeed, there is one poor girl who says she has almost thrown away everything she had, but without accomplishing any such results. Alas! she was not a widow.

They have their time to fall. And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath; But ye—ye have all season for thine own, O. Widows!

A Long Branch correspondent writes as follows:

"The most objectionable feature in Long Branch is the somewhat unseemly exhibition made night after night of young and tender children—some of them hardly emerged from infancy—who, tricked out in gaudy and fussy dresses, and with puffed-out cheeks, are a活潑的 sight. The parents of the young ones are evidently not well educated, and at present are retired from the business world."

Advancing the result of the shooting, and in view of other circumstances, the arrest has been delayed until yesterday, when the boy was taken in charge by Officer J. F. T. Moon and brought to Jamestown. The circumstances of the shooting are briefly as follows: The boy was sitting on the floor of the sitting-room between the pantry and front doors. The boy Le Voile entered the house, went directly to the pantry, came out with a revolver, held it at a distance of about six inches from the infant's head, and fired. The ball penetrated the forehead above the left eye, passing through to a place behind and a little below the left ear, where it immediately flattened against the skull. Immediately after the shot the boy dropped the pistol and said so, and dropped their bundles at opportune moments. Indeed, there is one poor girl who says she has almost thrown away everything she had, but without accomplishing any such results. Alas! she was not a widow.

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